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18th MP BDE hands law enforcement duties to 89th MP BDE

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – In a transfer of authority ceremony at the Warrior Palace in Baghdad, the 18th Military Police Brigade handed over the responsibility for the MP mission in Baghdad forces to the 89th Military Police Brigade Jan 31.

The 18th MPs deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Feb 21, 2003.

During the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey, 1st Armored Division commanding general, spoke on the success of the 18th MPs, saying the brigade set Iraq on a course for freedom, while providing area support for a military movement “such as the world has never known.”

Col. Teddy R. Spain, 18th Military Police Brigade commander, reflected on the courage of his soldiers, as well as their hard work and sacrifice.

Spain said his soldiers achieved many things while in Iraq, but their accomplishments did not come without tremendous losses.



Col. Teddy R. Spain, commander of the 18th Military Police Brigade, and Command Sergeant Major Charles E. Guyette, brigade command sergeant major, case their unit's colors during a transfer of authority ceremony at the Warrior Palace in Baghdad Jan 31.

“Thirteen great Americans (in the brigade) paid the ultimate sacrifice,” said Spain. “They gave their life because they believed in something greater than themselves.”

The 89th Military Police Brigade accepted their responsibility with an unfurling of the unit's colors. Col. David D. Philips, commander of the 89th Military Police Brigade promised to continue the mission and take the responsibility of making Iraq a safer place.

“We will capitalize on your accomplishments,” said Philips. “We will take your success to new levels.”

The 89th Military Police Brigade, home stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, has deployed around the world in support of U.S. Army missions: operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, disaster relief after Hurricane Hugo and Operation Sea Signal in support of Joint Task Force 160 in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba before deploying for Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Col. Teddy R. Spain, commander of the 18th Military Police Brigade, Task Force 1st Armored Division, says goodbye to his friends in the Iraqi Police Service after nearly a year of working side-by-side with them to reestablish security in Iraq.

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News...

56 Die, 235 Hurt in Twin Iraqi Bombings

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) - Two suicide bombers struck the offices of two U.S.-backed Kurdish parties in near-simultaneous attacks Sunday as hundreds of Iraqis gathered to celebrate a Muslim holiday. At least 56 people were killed and more than 235 were wounded, officials said. One Kurdish minister said the death toll could exceed 100.

Key: Intel Problems Hurt U.S. Credibility

WASHINGTON (AP) - Flawed intelligence undermines the Bush administration's policy of striking first if U.S. interests are threatened, the former chief U.S. weapons inspector in Iraq said Sunday. "If you cannot rely on good, accurate intelligence that is credible to the American people and to others abroad, you certainly cannot have a policy of pre-emption," David Kay said. While the U.S. always has reserved the right of a first strike, President Bush has elevated the strategy of pre-emption to a central part of his foreign policy doctrine.

244 Muslim Pilgrims Die in Hajj Stampede

MINA, Saudi Arabia (AP) - Nearly 250 Muslim worshipers died in a hajj stampede Sunday during the annual stoning of Satan ritual in one of the deadliest tragedies at the notoriously perilous ceremony. The stampede, during a peak event of the annual Muslim pilgrimage, or hajj, lasted about a half-hour. There were 244 dead and hundreds of other worshippers injured some critically, Hajj Minister Iyad Madani said.

Flights Canceled Amid al-Qaida Worries

WASHINGTON (AP) - Six U.S.-bound flights from England, Scotland and France have been canceled because of security concerns. The U.S. government said it had fresh indications of al-Qaida's continued interest in targeting commercial planes flying to the United States. U.S. officials have been concerned for some time that al-Qaida wants to use chemical, biological or radiological weapons aboard an airplane. However, the threat information that led to the canceled flights this weekend did not indicate a specific method to bring down a plane or spread an illness such as smallpox, said a U.S. official speaking on the condition of anonymity.

100 Iran Lawmakers Quit in Protest

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - More than a third of the Iranian parliament resigned Sunday and the speaker delivered a stinging rebuke to the hard-line Guardian Council for its disqualification of hundreds of liberal candidates in upcoming elections. A letter of resignation was submitted to parliamentary speaker Mahdi Karroubi by reformists who said they could not go ahead with the Feb. 20 vote. It was initially signed by 109 liberal legislators, but later grew to 117 members.

Sports...

U.S. Ties China 0-0 in Women's Soccer

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN, Associated Press Writer
SHENZHEN, China (AP) -- The United States tied China 0-0 Sunday in the Four Nations women's soccer tournament, a tuneup for the Athens Olympics.

The Americans, the defending champions, were without Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain. They are expected to return for Olympic qualifying beginning Feb. 25 in Costa Rica. In the other game, Sweden beat Canada 3-1.

The four teams are playing a round-robin format. The U.S. squad leads on goal differential after China downed Canada 2-1 in Friday's opener. The Canadians are without a point.

Fan Yunjie is China's emerging star following the retirement last year of Sun Wen, a past FIFA player of the year and a member of the team that lost to the United States in the 1999 Women's World Cup final.

"We think China is one of the best teams in the world," Heinrichs said. "We learn something every time we play them."

In the Sweden-Canada game, Malin Mostrum, Victoria Svensson and Therese Sjogran scored for the Swedes, the runner-up to Germany in last year's Women's World Cup. Christine Sinclair had Canada's goal.

Black Sabbath's Iommi Tops Guitar Greats List

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Here's one "guitar greats" list that Jimi Hendrix did not top: "the 100 greatest metal guitarists of all time."

According to Guitar World magazine, the No. 1 metal guitarist is Tony Iommi, the God-fearing axeman with pioneering English heavy metal band Black Sabbath.

Six musicians claimed the next four spots: Metallica's James Hetfield and Kirk Hammett tied at No. 2; AC/DC siblings Angus and Malcolm Young at No. 3; Randy Rhoads, the late sideman for Ozzy Osbourne, at No. 4; and Eddie Van Halen, at No. 5. Hendrix was No. 12, six places behind Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page.

The list appears in the magazine's March issue.

Guitar World editor-in-chief Brad Tolinski said the criteria for the list were purity and innovation. Iommi never strayed from a basic formula of B-tuned guitars played very loudly, plenty of power chords and slower rhythms.

"He's essentially the guy that created most of the conventions for heavy metal," Tolinski said. Iommi's "shining moment" is the track "Warning" from the band's self-titled 1970 debut album, according to the poll.

If Black Sabbath started the heavy metal ball rolling, then Metallica kept it alive, Tolinski said, pointing to the 1984 track "Creeping Death" as the band's stand-out.

Page's relatively low No. 6 ranking raised some eyebrows since Led Zeppelin also helped pave the way for heavy metal. But Tolinski said Page would be the first to admit that his playing also incorporates blues and folk. Similarly, Eddie Van Halen has always had a foot in the pop world, he added.

Hendrix, who died in 1970, introduced some of the genre's conventions, but Tolinski termed him more of a "futuristic blues player" than a heavy metal guitarist.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Confidence

Confidence, like art, never comes from having all the answers; it comes from being open to all the questions.

--Earl Gray Stevens

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00			M*A*S*H : - COMRADES IN ARMS (PT. 2)		CNN SUNDAY	00:00
00:30	BOWLING - RENO OPEN		THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW : - SON OF "BUT SERIOUSLY, FOLKS"			00:30
01:00			ALL IN THE FAMILY : - EVERYBODY DOES IT		MEET THE PRESS	01:00
01:30			THE TWILIGHT ZONE : - A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS			01:30
02:00	FIGURE SKATING - 2004 U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS: PAIRS SHORT PROGRAM	NFL - SUPER BOWL XXXVIII: CAROLINA PANTHERS VS NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	FANTASY ISLAND : - ESCAPE/ CINDERELLA GIRLS	NFL - SUPER BOWL XXXVIII: CAROLINA PANTHERS VS NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	TIM RUSSERT	02:00
03:00			GROUNDHOG DAY		FOX REPORT	03:00
04:00	FIGURE SKATING - 2004 U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS: MENS/LADIES SHORT PROGRAMS				THIS WEEK	04:00
05:00			GROUNDHOG DAY		DATELINE INTERNATIONAL AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	05:00
06:00	SPORTSCENTER	SURVIVOR: ALL-STARS		SURVIVOR: ALL-STARS		06:00
06:30	NFL PRIMETIME					06:30
07:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: NC STATE @ MARYLAND	MEET THE PRESS	GROUNDHOG DAY	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	CNN PRESENTS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS			LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30		ESPNEWS				08:30
09:00	SPORTSCENTER	SESAME STREET	GROUNDHOG DAY	ZOOBOOMAFOO : - WHO'S IN THE EGG	AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	09:00
09:30				DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TV-7): - TOGEMON IN TOY TOWN		09:30
10:00		DORA: THE EXPLORER : - A LETTER FOR SWIPER		DRAGONFLY TV (YR. 1)	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	10:00
10:30	ESPNEWS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE		EVEN STEVENS : - BATTLE OF THE BANDS		10:30
11:00	NFL - SUPER BOWL XXXVIII: CAROLINA PANTHERS VS NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	GROUNDHOG DAY	JEOPARDY!	BELTWAY BOYS	11:00
11:30				HEADLINE NEWS	FOX NEWS WATCH	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00				ESPNEWS	BULLS & BEARS	12:00
12:30				HEADLINE NEWS	CAVUTO ON BUSINESS	12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			GROUNDHOG DAY	THE SUPER BOWL'S GREATEST COMMERCIALS	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS		SURVIVOR: ALL-STARS	DATELINE NBC	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00	SPORTSCENTER	TODAY	GROUNDHOG DAY	WITHOUT A TRACE : - SUSPECT	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00				HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30	CHAMPIONS TOUR - CHAMPIONS SKINS GAME			TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00		ZOOBOOMAFOO : - WHO'S IN THE EGG	GROUNDHOG DAY		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
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17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		DRAGONFLY TV (YR. 1)			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		EVEN STEVENS : - BATTLE OF THE BANDS		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
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19:30		HEADLINE NEWS				19:30
20:00		ESPNEWS			FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30	NBA FASTBREAK	HEADLINE NEWS				20:30
21:00	NFL - SUPER BOWL XXXVIII: CAROLINA PANTHERS VS NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	THE SUPER BOWL'S GREATEST COMMERCIALS	GROUNDHOG DAY		DATELINE NBC	21:00
21:15				DR. STRANGELOVE		21:15
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23:00		WITHOUT A TRACE : - SUSPECT	GROUNDHOG DAY	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30				HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

Today in history... Feb. 2, ????

Digging Into Groundhog Day

Waukon Standard, Iowa

Groundhog Day is a long-revered event with an uncertain origin. Some historians have traced the holiday's beginnings to ancient Scottish and Celtic tradition, while others claim it goes as far back as Roman times. While the origin may be debated, the tradition has stayed strong across the U.S. and Canada, with people eager for warmer weather tuning in on February 2 to see if the groundhog will see his shadow and retreat for the rest of the winter, or stay and herald in the approaching spring.

We're all familiar with the erratic nature of the weather and the often unreliable forecasts from meteorologists. Despite cutting-edge technology, stepping outside and looking at the sky is often still the most reliable way of guessing what the day will be like. How can it be, then, that we turn to an animal from the rodent family to decide if we should start packing away our winter clothes or gearing up for more cold weather? According to the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, with over 100 years of recorded predictions, the groundhog has a 100 percent accuracy rate. Now if only we could hold our local weather forecasters to such standards!

Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, is the site of the first North American Groundhog Day and also home to one of the most popular groundhogs in the world, Punxsutawney Phil. He has, in various incarnations, been foretelling the seasons since 1887, the date of the first recorded Groundhog Day in the area.

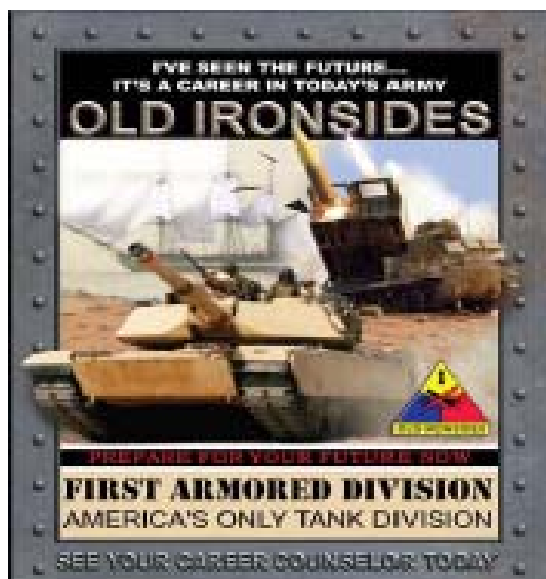
His popularity has only grown since then, with a recent blockbuster movie, "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray, an appearance on the Oprah Winfrey show in 1995, and crowds upwards of 30,000 trekking to Punxsutawney to witness his weather predictions annually.

Groundhogs hibernate during the winter, burrowing in a hole in the ground, hence the name groundhog. When they sense spring is on the way, they emerge from their winter habitat to begin the searching for food, companionship and a warm weather retreat. They are skittish creatures, easily startled by the slightest provocation.

Although it is tempting to believe that these burrowing mammals are blessed with a meteorological sixth sense, in actuality, it is their nervousness that makes them appear to have special insight into the seasons. After such a long period hibernating underground, groundhogs are even more nervous than usual when they emerge. It is their fear at the sight of their own shadow, not a glimpse of impending bad weather, that makes them run back to their hole and hide.

The sun's position in the sky is what creates the shadow and is the true test of how much winter remains.

Despite the groundhogs' impeccable record, it seems that even for him, it still holds true that the best way to determine the weather is to look up at the sky yourself!



Reenlistment Bonus Still Available

The Army keeps rewarding soldiers with cash for reenlisting while deployed. Task Force 1st Armored Division soldiers with less than 10 years of service can earn from \$5,000 to \$10,000 when they reenlist.

Soldiers must reenlist for 36 months. Other factors that will determine the bonus amount include years of service and current pay grade.

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